

Demonstration Notice- September 27, 2011

Spontaneous demonstrations take place in Bahrain from time to time in response to world events or local developments. United States citizens should keep current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times. If you encounter a large public gathering or demonstration, depart the vicinity immediately.

- From Tuesday, 27 September, through Sunday, 01 October, possible unauthorized demonstrations are planned near the intersection of Shaikh Khalifa Bin Salman Hwy and Ave 40 (near Seef Mall and Bahrain Mall) to the area east of City Center Mall. U.S. citizens are advised to avoid this area shaded in yellow on the second page.

- There are calls for possible demonstrations at the U.S. Embassy through Sunday, 01 October. The Embassy will provide updates as needed.

- Wednesday, 28 September from 0700 – 1000 hours, unauthorized vehicle demonstrations are planned on Shaikh Isa Bin Salman Hwy and Al Fateh Hwy between the U.S. Embassy and the Embassy of Saudi Arabia (see map). Expect heavy traffic and delays.

We remind U.S. citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. U.S. citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations.

For the latest security information, U.S. citizens living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet website at <http://travel.state.gov>, where the current Worldwide Caution, Country Specific Information for Bahrain, Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, for callers outside the United States and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

The U.S. Embassy in Manama can be reached at (973) 1724-2700; the afterhours emergency number is (973) 1724-2957; the fax number is (973) 1725-6242. The Embassy's web site includes travel information and the Worldwide Caution and Demonstration Notices. All U.S. citizens are encouraged to enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program. The Consular Section can be reached at ManamaConsular@state.gov.

